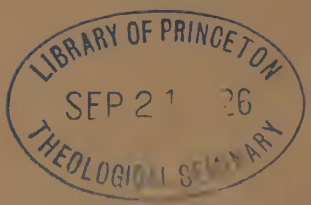

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Some of the pioneers in the mission work, as they appeared in the pageant, *The Lifted Cross*, in Episode 1, "Founding the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church," May 6, 1870, in the lecture room of Calvary Church in Philadelphia, where the Jubilee meetings were held.

STATELY OLD PHILADELPHIA, looking young and beautiful in her fresh May greenery, opened wide her hospitable arms to welcome the thronging sisters, daughters and granddaughters of her own honored pioneers, assembling to keep the Golden Jubilee. They poured in by every train all day on Saturday, May twenty-second; some staunch Presbyterians though that for such a gathering they were quite justified in the necessity of arriving on Sunday, and the Monday morning trains brought in a fresh avalanche.

Even if the Presbyterian women's foreign mission societies had not started in Philadelphia, that city would yet have been the ideal place for the assembling of such a gathering. In Rome, a Catholic bishop, who knew me as a Presbyterian, once remarked to me, "Everyone feels at home in Rome!" So every Presbyterian feels at home in Philadelphia. This is not only because of the

MRS. CHARLES P. (JULIA M.) TURNER, second President of the Philadelphia Board, known and loved by mission workers in every field of our Church as their constant, devoted and generous friend.

servants as ambassadors in distant lands and as their partners in this land. Those few elect women knew little of parliamentary law and less of finance, they had no experience in presiding at meetings and to lead in prayer seemed impossible—but they were willing to learn and to be used by God.

Shall we ever forget that first prayer in public? I think dying will be easier! In a strange, unnatural voice, we tried in vain to repeat the Lord's Prayer! Let me tell the story of one such effort. The young minister's bride reached her new home in the West and was promptly invited to attend the woman's missionary meeting. Modestly, she took a back seat, but at once perceived that she was expected to lead the meeting! Tremblingly, she grasped the Bible, but could find no suitable passage to read, bravely she tried to pray, but no words came to her lips—she sprang up, fled from the room and to her husband's study, saying, "I am forever disgraced, I never can look those women in the face again!" But she took up her cross and it became a crown. Behold, that same frightened woman in Philadelphia, one of the founders of this Society, "gifted in prayer," a leader of leaders, the pastor's wife of this Calvary Church, Mrs. Z. M. Humphrey. One of

our number who has been searching the early minutes of this Society for certain information, said to me the other day: "They were wonderful women, but it was more wonderful to see how the work opened up, how it developed in all directions—it was not the women who made the Society—the society made the women!"

By way of a homely illustration of the conduct of our correspondence then and now, let me tell of our first letter-box in the Book Store at 1334 Chestnut Street. A grotesque group of wooden boxes, each marked with the name of some Presbyterian Committee or Board, was placed in the Book Room and one was marked W. F. M. S. Each of our few Secretaries possessed a little key to that box and at her convenience she visited it every day or two—or three—and carried home her small package of letters to be answered at her leisure. Compare those days with these, when the heavily laden postmen mount to our offices five times a day, leaving their big bundles in the hands of a corps of trained office-helpers to be answered or forwarded to the Secretaries for reply without delay.

The multiplication of organizations and methods might frighten us who were brought up on simple plans, carried out in quiet ways, without public notice and growing from infancy to maturity almost unconsciously, save that the same spirit is still the motive power the aim is unchanged, the Guide-book the same and the result is the natural growth of the mustard seed of faith tended, watered and garnered by Christ's faithful laborers. Thus it will be to the end—til Christ comes Himself to reign if we keep always *the spiritual aim first* and our children will fifty years hence be celebrating a Centennial far more wonderful than this Jubilee!

Already our six Boards are becoming one National Board and we take an honest pride in remembering that you are nominating one of our Presidents as the first President of the new National Board. Almost from the beginning we have united in publishing our invaluable magazines, WOMAN'S WORK and *Over Sea and Land,* and for twenty years we have all been closely allied with the Central Committee on the united study of Foreign Missions to our great mutual benefit. The very titles of those books explain their phenomenal success. *The Way of Christ, Christ the King, the Glory of Christ, The King's Business!*

Together, we rejoice over the hundreds of missionaries sent out, the thousands of native Christians gathered into the Church of Christ, and their spiritual development almost past belief, the hundreds of thousands, yes, millions, of dollars poured into the treasury and always there is the consciousness of precious friendships knitted up into our missionary lives and the holy communion with God which He grants to his co-workers. All this is beyond the telling, but I am wondering whether we are ever possessed with a sense of pride and self-glorification as though by our own power or ability we had achieved these results? God forbid! "for *Thine* is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever!"

The Jubilee Celebration

(MRS. HARRISON) JEANNE D. SERRELL

CHANGE? Yes, indeed, but change for the better,—change for the wider vision and the larger carrying-out of that vision.

Change? Yes, indeed!

Before us stood the pioneers, the pioneers who at the Home Base fifty years ago, saw the vision of what women could do if they dared . . . and who did dare—Mrs. Turner, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Prentice, of New York. "Fifty years ago, such a series of meetings as the Jubilee celebration could not have been possible," they said. Women, in the pulpit! Talking to women! In that time a woman could not even read a report in a church!

Before us stood the pioneers of the field: Mrs. De Heer and Mrs. Reutlinger who, in 1864 and 1866, went out to Africa with their husbands. Miss Noyes, who fifty-three years ago began her work in China; Miss Whiting, who has lived to see the day when, even in China, you can be called at the 'phone; Miss La Grange who, in 1875, went out to Tripoli!

From THE LIFTING HANDS, *The Spirit of the Nineteenth Century.* Pageant photographs by the courtesy of *The Philadelphia Press.*

And again change comes to us in a different form, in the wonderful progress of two "babies": WOMAN'S WORK, which began its work and its message forty-nine years ago, and *Over Sea and Land,* which in 1876 was the only children's missionary magazine printed in the United States of America. "Unfortunately, like all babies, these cost more with every year."

Now we are taken to San Francisco, and there we see the beginnings of a great work in a rented house, humble beginnings from which the Home for Chinese Girls has sprung. From that home where they entered in shame and sorrow, many fine Chinese women have gone forth to useful lives, as nurses, as social workers, in all sorts of positions—girls who have realized that the glory of life is service and the crown of life is giving.

Change? Yes, indeed! For two Christian colleges in China spring up before our eyes—Yenching, in the north; Ginling, in the south. And change not only that has taken place, but that is taking place, and will take place yet. For new buildings are needed to keep pace with progress, with the work, as Mrs. Thurston so ably put it, we would need a Jubilee, not every fifty years, but every five!

And now change again,—for the women of Japan stand before us, hungry for knowledge, hungry for the higher education denied them by the government,—and we see that same government offering the Women's Christian College of Tokyo two scholarships for girls, in appreciation of what it is doing for the country's good. "Japan," Dr. Reischauer says, "Must take on spirituality, through its women."

We are next taken to a near neighbor of Japan, at whose hands it has suffered much—Korea, and Korean every-day life is vividly portrayed by Mrs. Hoffman,—the sickness and the sin, the smells, the mud, the neglect, the mosquitoes. And yet there also the missionary stands, and change is coming.

Next we take a visit to Shoud-jou, and there, on mission property, we see truck gardening being carried on. But we know that soon there buildings will be erected with Jubilee funds, and work begun, on a larger scale, for the people are ready for it, and hope for many new things. Mrs. Schell tells us that the time is coming when the Mohammedan mother will no longer mourn at having to send her girls away to school at Hwai-Yuen, so many miles distant!

Again, we see dawn breaking, and breaking where the darkness has indeed been heavy. India is waking up to the light of Christ, and the people are coming so fast that they cannot be counted! "India is a religious people, but its religion has been the cause of much sin and misery. The Hindu widow, the Hindu outcaste, the priests' immorality, all these have been the product of its religion,—but the Hindu woman is a jewel when brought to Christ."

Fifty years ago but few women missionaries were sent by the Board. "Female propriety" demanded their staying at home, but, lo! those years have passed and now the women missionaries sent each year outnumber the men! Ninety women doctors have gone out in the fifty years, and have done splendid work, as Dr. Muller of Urumia, Dr. Hackett, and Dr. Allyn, of Canton, testified. Dr. Allyn's plea for women M.D.s was especially strong. On Foreign Mission Night at the Assembly, she spoke of Chinese womanhood. The world needs China's women, for the task that rests on the women of the world is great, and China has one-fourth of the women of the globe. They have to be fitted for the task. By God they are fitted,—self-confident, prudent, bright, strong,—their power for good has been stunted by their religion, their environment, their ignorance. Their fine characteristics are needed by the world and for the world. They are ready to be trained for leadership; where are the leaders to train their leaders? They must come from America. One of the great needs of to-day is a Parents' Volunteer Association, — not only to train sons and daughters in the missionary way, but when the call will come, to tell them "Go!"

Change? Yes, indeed!

But in Persia alone, a pitiful change! Where in Urumia, six years ago, a prosperous mission and hospital stood, there is nothing but ruin and desolation. The Christian population is gone and the Kurd remains. Just a year before the night that Dr. Packard stood before us in the Assembly, the last massacre had taken place. The Stars and Stripes flying over the compound had for the second time been torn down and trampled upon, and only by a miracle had he and his family escaped. A year,—only a short year,—and they found themselves back in a land that was safe, where young girls could walk in the streets unprotected, and fear was not written on your neighbor's face.

Listening to Dr. Packard, we could see Nathan, his assistant in the hospital, who was planning to come to America, hacked to pieces by the mob; we could see another Armenian, a coward, afraid of everything, yet ministering faithfully, fearlessly to those who were dying and dying there himself with them. We could see that woman who alone came back to Urumia out of two hundred deported ones, saying, in spite of all, that she had suffered: "I feel as if I needed a new tongue to tell of God's love." "If the blood of martyrs is the seed of the church, then we may expect a rich harvest," said Dr. Packard. "Urumia is red with blood, but it will be blotted out in victory."

All these changes spoken of, were acted out in the pageant. There we saw, lived before our eyes, things as they were

and things as they are. We saw the beginning of Christianity in England; we saw our Pilgrim Fathers starting for America. We saw the beginnings of Sunday-school work, with little ragamuffins playing in the streets of Philadelphia on a Sabbath day, playing that was genuine, because the little actors were real boys and girls.

We saw the first meeting of the Philadelphia Woman's Board of Foreign Missions,—real women in the garb of the time,—both of inward mind and of external attire! We saw the results of their untiring energy, the product of their labor, for we heard the college songs of Chinese Christian girls, the national hymn of Japan sung by girls, saw the dances of Hindu college young women. Then we saw Latin America seeking the open Bible. Last of all, we saw acted out, the tragedy of Hindu widowhood and the story of Armenia's martyrdom.

Last of all? No! For last of all came, as it will come on this earth, "The Lifted Cross!"—shining over all the races of the world, the Cross shedding its light over all nations, all of whom will bring their gifts,—gold, service, prayer, and life.

What of the coming years? In fifty years, we hope to see, as Miss Hodge expressed it at the General Assembly, not a part only of the women of the church interested, but *all* the women,—not alone of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, but *all* the women of the Church *universal!*

The Union of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions

ADDRESS BY MRS. WILLIAM E. WATERS

A CERTAIN LITTLE GIRL, a pupil in one of the large private schools in New York City, intent one evening on a geography lesson, presently found herself lost in its mazes. Hesitatingly, she appealed to her father, absorbed in his evening paper. "Father," she said, "Father, where are the Rocky Mountains?" Somewhat absently, the father replied: "The Rocky Mountains, my dear; why, the Rocky Mountains, are those great mountains which divide the east from the west." The child pondered a moment. "But, father," she said, "I thought that Fifth Avenue divided the east from the west!"

To those who live in New York, Fifth Avenue has not been, in the years just passed, a dividing line. It has been a great channel through which have passed forces from the east and west, from every state and territory in the Union, going over-seas to fight for a righteous cause. This is what Central Committee, for thirty-five years, has been to the six Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions, a great channel through which have flowed the thoughts and purposes, the ultimate methods and policies of these Boards, embracing their efforts to bring to the women and children of the orient, that knowledge of a loving Saviour which alone makes for righteousness and peace for the world.

After fourteen years of growth, the Woman's Boards, all auxiliary to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church and having their work assigned by it, felt the need of conference with each other and of occasional meetings for that purpose. After conferring with officers of the Assembly's Board, a preliminary meeting was held at Saratoga Springs, New York, and, in January of the year following, Central Committee was organized and its first meeting held. To the Philadelphia Board belongs the credit of drafting the original plan and Rules of Central Committee.

For many years Central Committee functioned admirably as a channel for the united activities of the Boards, then the expansion of their work on the field and at the home-base reached a point where it ceased to meet the needs of the Boards and its reconstruction became imperative.

In 1917, the Rules of Central Commit-

tee were so revised as to include an Executive Committee of eight women, members of New York and Philadelphia Boards. The new rules provided also for an Executive Secretary who would visit all the Woman's Boards, at least annually, represent these Boards on the Executive Council of the Foreign Board and on the committees of all large denominational and interdenominational movements. Laughing, we said, "Where shall we find this 'super-woman'? Who will be willing to make the long trip across the continent each year?" There was one of our number who, we thought, might measure up to our demands, but she happened to be the President of the Philadelphia Board and the Chairman of Central Committee, and did not see her way clear to enter the sphere of the super-woman. Efforts were made to find this remarkable being elsewhere but, finally, Miss Hodge did see her way clear to accept the position which she has filled so admirably. She has done all we asked and more, for, in addition to the duties assigned to the Executive Secretary, there has developed also, at her suggestion, the great Jubilee which we are celebrating and, before the Jubilee, the New Era Movement and the Interchurch World Movement, all demanding attendance at many committee meetings and conferences. Our Executive Secretary has faithfully accomplished every duty assigned her, safeguarding, where needed, the work of the Woman's Boards, and faithfully representing them in conferences and committees, denominational and interdenominational.

A great advance was made through this reorganization of Central Committee; never before had its policies and action been so closely united. But again, the growth of the work demanded greater unity. It was difficult to secure volunteers to undertake work which required often hours of labor daily, and steno-

From THROUGH THE CENTURIES, a. "Under the Druid Oaks." *A Celtic Sibyl and a Christian Maiden.*

graphic expertness. Therefore, administrative expenses were increasing. Then, too, there was an unnecessary duplicating of committees in the Boards, and notwithstanding the frequent use of telegrams and night-letters, the distance between the Boards rendered concerted action difficult.

Early in the spring of 1919, a recommendation came from the Board of the Northwest (Chicago), "That the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church become one Board with headquarters in New York." This recommendation was discussed at a meeting of the Executive Council of the Assembly's Board with the Executive Committee of Central Committee of the Woman's Boards. At the close of the meeting it was unanimously voted "That the recommendation of the Board of the Northwest be accepted if the way be clear."

In May, 1920, at the Biennial meeting of Central Committee in St. Louis, the recommendation from the Board of the Northwest was adopted and it was decided that a committee consisting of six members, one from each Board, and appointed by her Board, should formulate plans for unification.

The first meeting of the Unification Committee was held in Chicago, having elected as its chairman, Mrs. Cleland B. McAfee. Under Mrs. McAfee's most able leadership, the members of the committee came to the meeting after careful research as to the organization of the Woman's Boards of other denominations and of the Y. W. C. A., as well as with information as to the details of organizations of their own Boards. As a result, at the end of three days, we found that, almost unconsciously, we had constructed a new Board; at least we had constructed its outlines, outlines not so rigid as to hamper the new Board in its organization but sufficiently flexible to allow of adaptation and changes wherever necessary. In completing its recommendations, the Unification Committee appointed a sub-committee which should secure a nominating Committee to submit names of officers and members for nomination to the new National Board. The recommendations of the Unification Committee were adopted by the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions, and on presentation of the nominations by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. A. M. Barnes, of Philadelphia, the officers and members of the new National Board were elected at the National Jubilee of the Woman's Boards on Tuesday afternoon, May 25, 1920, at Calvary Church, Philadelphia.

It is not possible, at this time, to go into the technical details of the new Board's organization but, in answer to many questions, certain outstanding facts may be presented.

Two principles have been observed in the organization of the National Board; (1) It is felt that the time has come when women should have a voice in determining and administering the work of Foreign Missions at home and on the field. (2) That they will not do this alone, but in co-operation with the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions.

In organizing the Board it has been decided that its name should be The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

It will have headquarters at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, where is also housed the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions.

It will have four officers, a President, two Vice-presidents, and a Secretary, together with as many Executive officers as may be needed, including a Treasurer.

It will include ten departments. The chairmen of these departments, with the President of the Board, will constitute an Executive Committee, meeting monthly and having *ad interim* power.

The Board will meet annually.

In these days of happy celebration of fifty years of service for Foreign Missions, many who have watched lovingly the development of the Woman's Boards have been singing

"For guidance sent from Thee,
For tender mercies manifold,
We keep our Jubilee."

May those who go forward in the work of the new Board be able to sing, in antiphon, as the years pass:

"God's hand is still in everything,—
His mighty purposes are sure,—
His endless love doth still endure."
"We'll keep our Jubilee!"

Unification Consummated

(Mrs. Cleland B.) Harriet B. McAfee

It was most fitting that the union of the six Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions into one National Board should take place in the beautiful, historic Calvary Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, in which the first Presbyterian Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was organized in the year 1870.

The Nominating Committee for selecting the nominees for the officers and members of the new National Board had been appointed by the Executive Committee of Central Committee and ratified by the several Boards. This Committee has speedily and most efficiently accomplished its large task, and the women of the church are under great obligations to them for their prompt and splendid service.

It may be of interest to the women of our constituency to know more about the official connections of the women who made up this important group which chose the nominees.

The Chairman, Mrs. A. M. Barnes, of Philadelphia, was for three years Young People's Secretary and seven years President of Philadelphia North Presbyterial Society, and is now Vice-president of the combined Home and Foreign Presbyterial Society. She became a member of the Philadelphia Board in 1913, and is Secretary for Persia and Siam, and Chairman of the Board's Hospitality Committee.

Mrs. Robert E. Speer became a member of the New York Board in 1895, and has been valuable on the Student Committee and other committees. As President of the National Y. W. C. A., she was prominently connected with the National War Work Board. Her husband is well known as one of the Secretaries of the Assembly's Board.

Miss Rachel Lowrie is a Vice-president of the Philadelphia Board, of which she became a member in 1892. She was for many years Secretary for China, and has done much speaking and writing on missionary subjects. She superintended the preparation of the Jubilee *Then and Now* leaflets, and wrote the leaflet about the Philadelphia Board. She has been especially valuable in securing and preserving historical data connected with the Board.

Mrs. Robert Mackenzie is the wife of Rev. Dr. Robert Mackenzie, who was a pastor in San Francisco, then in Rutgers Presbyterian Church, New York. She is the mother of our missionary, Miss Jean Kenyon Mackenzie, she has been a member of the New York Board since 1902, and for several years was a foreign secretary. She has frequently represented the Board at national and interdenominational conferences as well as at synodical and presbyterial meetings.

Mrs. Peter Stryker has been Young People's Secretary for presbyterial and synodical societies and presbyterial president in New Jersey. She came to the New York Board in 1910, was for years one of the Home Secretaries and as such has done much visiting and speaking to synodical, presbyterial and local societies.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 25th, the election of officers and members of the new Board took place. This election was most graciously presided over by Mrs. F. S. Bennett, President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. A beautiful basket of flowers was presented from the Woman's Home Board. The whole spirit displayed seemed to be a happy prophecy of the relation to be established between the two National Woman's Boards, bound together in one

bond of service and sacrifice for the great cause of Missions at home and abroad.

After the election the officers and members of the New Board were asked to go to the platform, where they received an enthusiastic greeting from the great audience assembled. This seemed a pledge of loyalty and of faith between the new Board and the splendid missionary women of the constituency, who are responsible for so much of the success of the work.

When Miss Hodge took her place as the newly elected President and called to her side the newly elected officers, there was great applause, and on every side were expressions of approval and gratification. In true Presbyterian terminology, it was said that Miss Hodge seemed foreordained for this place and this hour in the history of our Woman's Foreign Missionary enterprise.

After a beautiful word from Miss Hodge, in which she expressed her humble dependence upon God in the task which she had been asked to assume and the necessity of co-operation from all the constituency, there followed a hearty greeting to the new Board from Rev. Dr. George Alexander, President of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions. The great Jubilee celebration closed with a most impressive and never-to-be-forgotten communion service, conducted by Dr. Alexander.

On Wednesday, May 26th, at noon, Miss Hodge entertained at luncheon the members and associate members of Central Committee, with one guest of honor, Mrs. Charles P. Turner, one of the pioneers, and one of the most honored members of the Philadelphia Board. There was some necessary business incident to the organization of the united Board; after transacting this, Central Committee closed its long and honorable

Group from THROUGH THE CENTURIES, d. "The Cross for America." *Farewell of the Pilgrims, Plymouth, England, in* 1620.

service as a most important unifying agent between the six Woman's Boards and adjourned *sine die*.

The members of Central Committee expressed for the various Boards their deep appeciation of the faithful and untiring service of the Executive Committee of Central Committee, and Mrs. W. H. Bissland, President of the Board of the Southwest, graciously expressed the hope and confidence of all for the future in the assurance that Miss Hodge as the leader of our one united Board possessed so fully the fruits of the Spirit that she would surely lead on to an ever-growing work and ever-growing achievement in the winning of the world to Christ through the women of our Presbyterian Church.

At three o'clock the organization meeting of the new Board was held in Westminster Hall, in the great Presbyterian Witherspoon Building. After an appropriate and beautiful devotional service led by Miss Hodge, a carefully prepared docket was presented. Recommendations were presented and accepted for the appointment of Committees to proceed at once to a study of the steps necessary for the full functioning of the Board. As rapidly as possible the new Board will function in all departments of its work, but until official notification is received from the new Board, the work will go on as usual at the six Board headquarters.

The Committees appointed will be ready to report so far as is possible at the first meeting of the Board, which will be held just before the Post-War Conference, which occurs at Princeton, New Jersey, June 19th to 27th.

As the united Board begins its work, may it be constantly inspired by the thought of this great hymn:

"Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might!"

VISUALIZING THE DECADES was a descriptive series of episodes arranged by Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe, Mrs. F. E. Edgington and other women of Washington, D. C. Each of these ladies was so anxious to give the credit to all of the others that it was not quite possible to decide who wrote what, but Mrs. Radcliffe gave her magnetic charm to the Introduction:

FIFTY YEARS

"A thousand years are in God's sight a day.
As ye are His—so let these fifty years
Be to your eyes and ears five fleeting scenes,
Telling in minutes all the joy and pain,
The toil, the sacrifice, the growth and gain
Of decades five: A parable first, *the Pioneers,*
Who blazed the trail of the King's Highway,
By which, with them, the Nameless Saints, we
"carry on!"

After Mrs. Edgington's tribute to the Pioneers,

"And next, *the Boxers,* not those who contend
For doubtful honors in the prize ring, nor
The Chinese rebels who spread death and flame
In years agone;—but *women* filled with missionary zeal,
Who packed in boxes large the gathered gifts,
The while in boxes small they slipped small coins,
Mite in their size, but mighty in their power,
Because love prompted them—
And Love Divine then took and multiplied."

Mrs. Harris, formerly Student Secretary Isabel Laughlin, in quaint antiquated bonnet and flounced gown, waved her fan as she told of the progress from the mite-box to the safe-deposit box, from packing old clothes into missionary boxes to sending out boxes of Red Cross supplies to mission hospitals—and with a deep courtesy concluded: "And at the Pageant tonight I am to sit in a Box!"

"Third, Shining Silver; when the gifts of brass
Became transmuted by love's alchemy, to
Larger gifts of metal rare, which thus did celebrate
The silver anniversary of our work.
And then and always, silver meant redemption,
The price of lives redeemed and souls renewed."

In Mrs. Irwin's allegorical description of shining silver she summarized many of the changes the years had brought, emphasizing the growth of medical work.

"The fourth, behold the *Golden Glow.*
When with her Growing Pains and Birth Pangs deep
The great Church travailed and brought forth
A noble brood of sons and daughters,
Endeavorers for Christ and for His Church.
Now college cap and gown were consecrate
To this new quest of Holy Grail.

Then Guild Westminster came and such a host
Of youthful bearers of Love's Light appeared,
That all the horizon glowed and promise gave,
Of future hope unto the Perfect Day."

Miss Clara McQuown showed the six Boards as a great branching candlestick, with Christ as the center, seeking to lighten the darkness of a Christless world. Mrs. Radcliffe gave the closing verse:

"So come we to *Today,* the fifth decade just closed
When the Whole Family, from East to West, from North to South,
Joins hands to win the whole wide world for Christ!
A Golden Candlestick in truth are we,
Christ for the Centre, Source of Love and Light,
And all are one in Thee for all are Thine!
Alleluia!"

And then all joined in singing the beautiful "Hymn of the Lights," which we have not space to quote in full.

God, who at sundry times in manners many
Spake to the fathers and is speaking still,
Eager to find if ever or if any
Souls will obey and harken to His will;—

Look what a company of constellations!
Say, can the sky so many lights contain?
Hath the great earth these endless generations?
Are there so many purified thro' pain?

Witness the men whom with a word He gaineth,
Bold who were base, and voiceful who were dumb:—
Battle, I know, so long as life remaineth,
Battle for all, but these have overcome.

What is this psalm from pitiable places
Glad where the messengers of peace have trod?
Whose are these beautiful and holy faces
Lit with their loving and aflame with God?

This hath He done and shall we not adore Him?
This shall He do and can we still despair?
Come let us quickly fling ourselves before Him
Cast at His feet the burthen of our care.

Flash from our eyes the glow of our thanksgiving,
Glad and regretful, confident and calm,
Then thro' all life and what is after living
Thrill to the tireless music of a psalm.

Yea, thro' life, death, thro' sorrow and thro' sinning
He shall suffice me, for He hath sufficed:
Christ is the End, for Christ was the Beginning
Christ the Beginning, for the End is Christ."

—From ST. PAUL, by F. W. H. MYERS

Used on the program of the three-day Jubilee Celebration of the Occidental Board.

WORK FOR CHINA AT HOME

ADDRESS OF MRS. RAWLINS CADWALLADER

ON MARCH 25th, 1873, a group of women met in Calvary Church, San Francisco, to form an organization for the benefit of heathen women and children, at first known as the California Branch of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, afterwards becoming the Woman's Occidental Board. The immediate task of this first group of women was to found a home for Chinese women and girls, thus enabling them, as the historian relates, to lead lives of respectability and usefulness.

In those early days, very few respectable Chinese women came to California but large numbers of girls were taken to the Coast by professional Chinese slave-owners, who placed them in domestic service or in houses of ill-fame. As these conditions became known to the Presbyterian women of San Francisco, they were determined to do what they could to stamp out the practice and provide a place of refuge for the girls, who either might wish themselves to escape or who could be rescued by process of law. The first home was a rented building and was opened with two inmates. From this small beginning, the work has grown until now there are about 120 girls in the two Homes and about 2,000 girls during these 47 years have not only found a place of refuge but a Christian home as well, have gone out to establish homes of their own or are helpers in the Mission itself, doing their share in helping others, or engaged in various kinds of useful work, such as nursing, teaching, kindergarten or domestic service. They are scattered all over the United States, Hawaiian Islands and China, and almost without exception are Christian girls. As an illustration: Last year a young Chinese living in Chicago, a graduate of Columbia University, came to the Mission Home seeking a wife. Miss Cameron, the superintendent, whom many of you know, asked him how it happened that he came half way across the Continent to get a wife. He told her that in the first place he was a Christian himself, having been converted in an Episcopal Mission in China, and that since living in Chicago, he had been a frequent visitor in what he regarded as an ideal Christian Chinese home, the wife and mother of which was a daughter of our Rescue Home in San Francisco and that he thought if that was the kind of woman that the home developed, he wanted one for a wife.

The girls are appreciative of what has been done for them and often express it in substantial ways. At our Board Jubilee meeting, which was also the anniversary of Miss Cameron's service as superintendent, the girls not only gave beautiful gifts to Miss Cameron, but gave the Board as their Jubilee Gift $200 in pure gold. During the summer months about 30 of the girls go to the country to pick fruit, for which, of course, they are paid; the money thus earned is spent under the supervision of one of the teachers for clothes, etc., and in starting a wee bank account for each, if possible. Last year after all expenses of the camp were paid, the girls of their own free will and without outside suggestion gave the Board $100.

And so the work goes on and although the need for actual rescue work is lessening, it is by no means a thing of the past. There is so much money in the awful traffic that slave-owners will take heavy risks and pay as high as three and four thousand dollars for a girl. Then too, the Chinese standard among their so-called respectable people is far from Christian. Only recently, a wealthy Chinese merchant of San Francisco went back to China to claim his bride whom he had bought in babyhood from her father and even though the young girl did not want to become his wife, she was forced to do so to prevent a tong war. The honor of the Chinese father must be maintained even if the daughter be sacrificed. The need in the large is just as great today as ever that a place of refuge and a Christian home be maintained for Chinese girls and women and that an adequate Home may be established where the little children and innocent girls may be cared for and given a Christian education. We feel that this is not only necessary for the Chinese already in the United States but even in a greater degree because of what it will mean to the womanhood of China itself, and indeed I tremble to anticipate the judgment that China would ultimately pass upon the American Christianity which would permit such slavery within its borders without vigorous protest and providing a way of escape.

For the Oriental girl and woman in our midst I ask your personal Christian friendship. Perhaps in your own city is living this very day one of the girls from this Mission Home, struggling against heavy odds to maintain a Christian home of her own. Can you not help her? Non-Christian peoples who have come to our shores have not always found Christ in us. As professed Christian women we must square our lives with our teachings.

I want you to know that Americanization is not the slogan in our Chinese Mission, but Christ and His love. I take second place to no one in love for my country, nor do I come of a family of slackers. Our late War was not one day old before my husband and four brothers volunteered, although not one of them was of draft age, nor did they ask for places of preferment but served in any capacity; nor have I yet ceased to tremble with the emotion that stirred within me as I visited Valley Forge and the historic places in this city, the birthplace of our American Liberty. Even so, I do not think the first business of a mission or church school of any kind is Americanization. If in our mission schools we teach Christ and Him crucified, we need not worry about the Americanism of our children, for was not our American Government the outgrowth of a Christian conscience? Imagine Paul urging the early church to make Romans of them all, and as a sort of side-show presenting the Christ! But I must not preach. I do want you to know that the results in this China Mis-

sion have been greatly worth while; that the policy is and has always been true to His name, and that we plead for your interest, your prayer, your counsel and your support, to the end that this bit of missionary work may be increasingly blessed, and that the plans for further development may be wisely made. The Oriental girl within our border needs our help, the protection of a Christian heritage without which no woman is safe!

Such a wonderful time we Chinese students have had in the Des Moines Convention. . . . May God use all of us Chinese students to go back and work for Him, live for Him and lead the others to know Him. Yes, indeed, I shall give my life for my country women and men at home when my medical work is complete.—*A Chinese Woman Delegate.*

Composition of a Chinese student in a Y. M. C. A. in Siam: EVERY ONE was heard that the health is a great importance of action, and that is both depended of the feeding and sleeping. Why! you may ask, because the sickness is easy to grow with much taking of food, and the hurt of brain also of frequent naping in the daytime. If the one, who always liked to nap of the daytime was said "being as a thing full of no use," but now, our men you are all knew that the earth of Siam where we have been resdenting in belong to the torrid zone, and the sun is strong and hot. Why! how well done that we take a nap in the daytime of the health by this matter. Alright, our men, and with much pleasure that we are kind enough as to evoke this reason of confessing by all. Hence now, if any of one of our men who is naped in the daytime by the see ing of the other s' must pay twenty-five satangs of forfeiture for the refferring of promise. Please remember the times by the following example. From six o'clock in the morning to six o'clock in the evening, but without hindering by thy exception of this rule.

—*The White Elephant.*

THE LITTLE SON of a prominent Japanese on our western coast when asked by his father what he would do if there should be war between Japan and the United States, readily replied, "I should be very sorry for your country, father, but I would have to fight with mine."

—*Woman's Missionary Magazine.*

Our Oriental Christians in California

EDITH K. LATHAM

PORING OVER THE "ARCHIVES" of old reports, in the faded pages of scrapbooks of the seventies, in search of records of the pioneer days of oriental missions in California, we see with the eyes of missionaries of those picturesque days the Chinese in their native dress, with no thought of adopting Western garb. We see them gathered in classes at mission schools, in 1852, only three years after the establishment of the first school for white children in San Francisco. Chinese colporteurs were sent in those early days to the villages and mining-camps of the California mountains where their countrymen had gathered, and to the railroad camps where these were the patient, dependable laborers who made possible our country's development according to the ambitious plans of railroad builders. Into the crowded lodging-houses of the Chinese quarter the Gospel was taken by the mission teachers first under Rev. Wm. Speer, then under Dr. A. W. Loomis and Dr. I. M. Condit and their wives; evening classes were held, and street-preaching carried on. A Day School for women and children was held in rooms in an old building in the heart of Chinatown under the devoted teaching of a cultured lady, Mrs. Cole. This consecrated Christian worker was one of the three faithful women who met in a little prayer-meeting in San Fran-

Occidental Board's "Liberty Bonds" or scholarships which pay good interest—girls in front of the Mission Home. Photos. sent by Miss Edith K. Latham.

cisco, to organize the Society which became the Women's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions. The other two were Mrs. Condit and Mrs. John Gulick, a Congregational missionary from China, sojourning between steamers in San Francisco.

Volunteer workers assisted in these early days when there was something of a romantic feeling about the conversion of these picturesque heathen on our shores, but the glamour of their oriental artistry did not cause Christian workers to swerve from the devoted object in view—to bring them to the knowledge of Christ. Indeed, one is deeply impressed with the whole-hearted devotion of these pioneer workers when reading the record of their efforts, their splendid faith and the fruit of their labors amidst the pioneer's discouragement. In these intensely practical days we hear of the latest methods employed in mission work among our oriental population in California, yet, though much of the oriental picturesqueness is sacrificed by Chinese and Japanese conformity to American fashions in dress and mode of living, the same spirit of devotion is present in the missionary, the employed worker, and the convert.

We hear enthusiastic reports of New Era activities from Chinese, Japanese and Korean mission churches up and down our coast in creditable proportion to the zeal of our American churches. The Chinese church of San Francisco has again done splendidly this year in New Era pledges, and will probably exceed its quota of last year which reached $2,500. The bright particular encouragements for this year are the number received into church membership—twenty at the Easter service—and the prospects for a splendid Union Daily Vacation Bible School to be held in the Presbyterian Chinese Church. At this coming session it is hoped that a young Chinese girl, a University student, who has been very successful in similar work in Oakland, will be the principal. A Chinese young man with University training will also assist. In the night-school connected with the church a fine class of young men attend, also little boys attending the public day-school, who come to get help with their lessons. The school is always closed with a Bible lesson and prayer service. This school, with the cooperation of the Y. M. C. A. in connection with the church, is a help in bringing members into the church. Plans for the future look to great strengthening of this work of the mission in a federation of the Christian forces.

The Japanese churches of California at Easter this year, administered baptism to about fifty adults and quite a number of children. In Los Angeles, day and evening schools connected with the Japanese Church are full to overflowing, one class being held in the backyard. On Sunday a couple of automobiles are employed to gather more than a hundred ittle ones for the Sabbath-school. The members of this church have just pledged over five thousand dollars towards the purchase of a better plant in which to carry on their work. A sewing-school which meets every week-day afternoon for lessons in dressmaking, followed by instruction in English conversation taught by a very competent Japanese lady, is one of the feaures of the work of the San Francisco church.

Dr. E. A. Sturge, in charge of the Presbyterian Japanese work in California, who has kindly furnished the above information, further reports: "The question which most deeply concerns the Japanese of California is the education of their children born in this country. In the islands near Stockton where many Japanese families are making their homes, there are no schools, and the children growing up in this unfavorable environment are to be pitied. However, the Japanese are so eager for enlightenment that I have been able to hear of only one youth over fourteen who was unable to read or write. In connection with every one of our fourteen Japanese missions is a woman's society, and San

Korean Christian group at Dinuba, California. Photo sent by Mrs. J. H. Laughlin.

Francisco and Sacramento each has a Japanese Y. M. C. A.

The picture-bride business has just about come to an end which is a good thing, though the results from such marriages seem to be as good as can be expected in the future when the young men will be obliged to cross the Pacific to choose wives for themselves."

The Japanese agriculturist possesses an endless patience in overcoming obstacles, as the reclamation of several apparently hopeless barren lands in the valleys of California will attest. Livingston is one of these. "Here the fact that most of these colonists are Christians has given them a decided advantage . . . Americans and Japanese alike are interested and active in community affairs . . . Though the members of the Japanese colony are of different denominations, they sink that difference in nondenominational support of the church. This is the testimony of an American neighbor, Mr. Levi: 'The Americans in the region did not want the Japanese. I believed in them, however, and I can say that it was through their coming that Livingston is now one of the most prosperous communities in the State.'"

Another oriental colony which has gained liking and respect from the American community is the Korean settlement at Dinuba, in the San Joaquin Valley, which was recently visited by Mrs. J. H. Laughlin, Superintendent of Chinese and Korean missions on the Pacific coast. This prosperous settlement has one hundred and fifty church members and owns its church property. The Sunday-school has both Korean and American teachers. The women and girls are particularly attractive, the gentle disposition of the Korean showing in their charming, rosy-cheeked faces. At a reception given during Mrs. Laughlin's visit, seventy-five Koreans were present. The men own their land and are successful farmers, conforming to American customs, yet while making good in a material way, clothing their families in comfort, these Christians, far from their beloved homeland, do not forget the claims of the church of their spiritual birth, but give as the Lord prospers them.

Our Oriental peoples are following us in our modes of living, and in our fashions. Shall we be able to set them all in the way of following the God of our faith?

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

HOME DEPARTMENT

INITIAL READJUSTMENTS

THE EDITOR

IN THIS ISSUE of our magazine we are of course giving much space to the Jubilee. None of the present generation of workers have ever lived through such an unique occasion. Only the youngest there can hope to see the Jubilee of 1970 and look back upon us with our quaint costumes and our funny old-fashioned ways! Whatever we print, much more is left out, for cold type can give little idea of the atmosphere of those inspiring days. Of this Jubilee Issue quite a large edition has been ordered and while they last copies will be sent to any address for ten cents apiece.

Our new Board was constituted immediately after its election and at once begin vigorous action. Its first regular session will be held at the time of the Post-War Conference in Princeton, N. J., and we shall hope to give our readers some account of that session in our August issue. On the back cover of this number will be found the names of the officers and members of the new Board.

About the first formal action taken was the unanimous vote to raise the subscription price of the Board's official organ, WOMAN'S WORK, to seventy-five cents a year. Our readers will recognize this necessity and the impossibility of continuing to send for fifty cents a magazine which costs at least eighty cents a year to produce. During a period when we enrolled seven thousand new subscribers we were obliged to spend, not only all that we received, but in addition about four thousand dollars of our small reserve fund. The increase in price will begin on September first, 1920. As we have done for the past two years we shall omit our September number. All orders for subscriptions mailed after the first day of September will be received at the rate of seventy-five cents apiece. All our present subscribers will receive the magazine at the old rate until their subscriptions have expired.

With the unification changes will come also in the contents of the magazine but these can not be definitely announced at this date. One necessary readjustment will be in the list of officers of the six Boards printed on our third cover page. Until definite new plans are made by the Board we shall continue to give Treasurers' Reports and Notes from the different Headquarters as received.

WOMAN'S WORK, with all the loyal constituency of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, rejoices to fall in line and keep step with the new procession in its march "anywhere so it be forward!"

The Eighth Biennial Assembly and Fiftieth Anniversary of The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, commonly known as the Philadelphia Board, was celebrated on May 22nd and 23rd in the Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. It made a fitting introduction to the great National Jubilee of the six Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions.

The opening service of the Biennial was led by our President, Mrs. John Harvey Lee, who presided throughout the Assembly, and had for its theme "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith," and that victorious faith shone throughout the different sessions —faith triumphant in the past, "faith tremendous" for the days to come.

A heart-stirring feature of the morning was the climax of the year's unselfish service and faithfilled prayers when there were awarded to sixty-two Presbyterial Societies which had won them, the flags bearing from one to four stars —the white star for prayer, the blue for service and new members, the gilt for the gift of gold and the red for volunteers of life overseas.

Mrs. McCrone reminded us that the greater National Jubilee Movement was the outgrowth of Miss Hodge's suggestion in 1918, that our coming Fiftieth Anniversary should be marked by a two-year program, and that the five other Boards should be invited to join with us in the celebration of the fifty years of service of Presbyterian women in foreign missions.

It was with joyous gratitude for the accomplishment of the two years just closed, that we stood amid waving banners and lifted a song of praise to Him who had led us out into a wider world of service. The numerical results of the Jubilee in the territory under our Board showed: 1,622 prayer groups, 31,236 new members, 895 new organizations, 1,633 Mission Study groups, 61 new missionaries, while the gift of gold had poured in far beyond the $200,000 requested from the women, young people, girls and children, amounting to $251,960.67.

Addresses by Mrs. Adams, of Africa, and Mrs. Higginbottom, of India, impressed us with the overwhelming increase in opportunity and the crushing burden of responsibility placed upon our inadequate missionary force. The pictures of medical work showed us Jesus still walking among the children of pain, healing and cleansing with His touch through the hands of our doctors and nurses.

The presentation of the "Jubilee Aftermath" with its Task, Plans and Equipment, showed the goal ahead not impossible for a like one had just been attained and the Power is ours for the asking. That Power was earnestly sought in the closing devotional service.

The Biennial Luncheon afforded delightful fellowship, exchange of helpful suggestions and enjoyment of informal toasts and good stories.

The soft lights, fresh flowers and softer, fresher faces of our girls made for the Young People's supper an attractive setting for the introduction of the workers at home and on the fields, to the young people who support them.

At the Rally at 8 o'clock, they were joined by hundreds of others, a crowd of enthusiastic young people. The dominating note of the Rally, whatever the subjects of the four addresses, was the world's need of the service that youth alone can give with its vision, courage and action.

The closing session of the Biennial Assembly was the Sunday evening service, when inspiration was given by seeing face to face the large group of missionaries working under the Philadelphia Board. In the group were the young and untried, those in the prime of vigor and success, one who had served her Master in the foreign field the full Jubilee cycle of fifty years. Again and again in the Biennial, Jubilee and General Assembly, men and women rose in honor of Miss Harriet N. Noyes, the first missionary of the Philadelphia Board.

As the thirty-five missionaries were presented by Mrs. William E. Geil, who lately returned from a trip to China and Japan, brief responses were made by representatives of each field and in every case the plea was made with thrilling intensity for prayer. "Of what use are your gifts of gold and life, if you do not bear them to us on prayer?"

The Challenge of China and the Need of Syria were presented by Miss Annie Morton and Miss Ottora Horne.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church has joined with the other Boards in forming a *National* "Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church," and women who have worked and prayed and loved under the old leadership have dedicated themselves to the new with absolute devotion. H. P. P.

The Book Stall

The Annual Report is now ready. Send ten cents for one and review the work of your Board.

The Lifted Cross . . . . . 50c.
By Anita B. Ferris.
This libretto of the pageant presented in Philadelphia at the Jubilee celebration includes full directions for reproducing it, either entire or in part, in your society.

The New Foreign Missionary Program Series No. 9 . . . . . 4c.
is ready for next fall's work. It is not too soon to start to formulate plans.

CHINA LEAFLETS

Six Thousand a Year Plus Rice . . . 5c.
An impersonation, by Dr. William L. Hall.

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A Daughter of New China . . . . 3c.
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By Mrs. Courteney H. Fenn.
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True Tales of a Chinese Boy and His Friends.
Whirlwinds in China . . . . . 8c.
Mary F. Tooker.
Sets forth the rapidity of changes in China.
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By Katherine Willard Eddy.

An impersonation which lends itself admirably for use in classes or programs on China.

Consult the catalogues for many more fine leaflets on the work in China.
Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes . . . 10c.
By Anna Russell Richards.

This fascinating book for children appeared first at the Jubilee and proved to be very popular. If you do not have it, send for one for the children.

Two leaflets to use with the new study book —*The Bible in Missions.*
His Trip Through the Bible . . . . 1c.
and
The Bible in the Mission Band . . . 4c.
By Mrs. R. E. Pownall.

FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW YORK BOARD

In making plans for the Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Board, held Wednesday, April 28th, 1920, at 156 Fifth Avenue, it was thought that the meeting would be a purely business one with delegates from neighboring presbyterial societies, in view of the Jubilee Meeting in Philadelphia which had been arranged for May 24th and 25th, making the larger appeal to the presbyterial delegates. After consideration it was decided by the members of the New York Board that the Fiftieth, and very probably the last, Annual Meeting of the New York Board, must be recognized in some special way.

Those officers and members who reported on their work made special effort to picture the work as it now is and to encourage those who were to take up work in the new National Board, by their enthusiasm and confidence. Rev. William P. Schell, who had just returned from the field made the address. His description of the needs of women in mission lands and his appeal to the women of America to respond to these needs was a message of tremendous inspiration. In closing he summed up the work of the Woman's Boards during the past fifty years—a glorious tribute to those whose enthusiasm and Christian courage have made these years so rich in service.

Thirty-one Officers and Managers were present, sixty-four Presbyterial Delegates and five Missionaries.

The regular business and election of officers (to serve until the unification of the Boards is consummated) was conducted and the meeting adjourned after a flag of greeting had been presented, made by the women missionaries of Japan.

ANNUAL MEETING OF OCCIDENTAL BOARD 1847-1920

Lacking three years of an actual Jubilee cycle, Occidental Board celebrated its forty-seventh anniversary, in conjunction with the general Jubilee of the Woman's Boards, at the Mission Home, 920 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, April 20-22. The program, the theme of which was "The Gifts of Fifty Years," arranged and planned by Mrs. Ernest Hall, was quite different from any other ever presented, covered three full days, and held the interest of overflowing audiences. The former days were dramatically set forth by an original impersonation, in charming old-time garb, by Miss Emily Moore, who gave "What Our Grandmothers Have Told Us," a history of women's early missionary effort in the United States, and a dramatic sketch, written by the granddaughter of a pioneer (Miss Edith King Latham), in which the First Annual Meeting of the California Branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was presented, the members of the cast garbed in the costumes of the early seventies. This was followed by a visualizing of the decades, led by Mrs. W. H. H. Hamilton, Board Historian, and others, the forward look of 1920 being given by Mrs. Keck.

The Jubilee address, "Fifty Years in China," was given by the veteran missionary, Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Fitch, of Shanghai. It was an appropriate theme, as Occidental Board's ambition in the very first days of the "California Branch" was to send its first missionary to China. Divinely led, the little band of faithful women deferred their efforts for China and threw heart and soul into the pressing work that lay all around them, the cause of the oppressed Chinese women and children of San Francisco. Miss S. M. N. Cummings, their first missionary, also consecrated her efforts, which had pointed to China, to this very crying need, and became an angel of mercy to the women of Chinatown. Modest quarters were opened in 1873 as a refuge for Chinese slave girls, gradually enlarging, in spite of deep prejudice on the part of the tenants of the neighborhood, and finally, through the heroic efforts of Mrs. E. V. Robbins and others, a suitable Home was established. Out of this early struggle has come the present comfortable Mission Home building and the Tooker Home and School in East Oakland; with Occidental School and the Oakland Chinese School as the grandchildren of the Board.

"The Pictured Years"—portrayed in the episode of the Gift of Service—showed the Chinese work under that militant Saint, Miss Culbertson, Miss Cameron and Miss Higgins. Realistic scenes of rescue work in the cellars and on the roofs of the Chinese quarter were

thrillingly presented; and an "Arabian Nights" scene when the faith of Hoormah, the Nestorian women—picturesque assistant at the Home in the eighties—brought a material response in an unexpectd gold-piece at a time when the rice had failed; the days of exodus, after the earthquake and during the great fire of 1906; a prune-picking scene, prettily staged, showing the latest experience of our Chinese girls, and the climax—a tableau of a Christian Chinese family (the wife and mother a former ward of the Board), with the daughter in University cap and gown, spoke eloquently for the benefits which the Home, in its forty-seven years of effort, has accomplished through faith and prayer.

The Honor Roll of Overseas Service set forth in novel fashion the work of the Foreign Corresponding Secretaries, each presenting a representative of a native convert in the costume of the several countries. This exercise featured the expansion of the Board from local Chinese work to mission work in twelve foreign countries, sending out fourscore missionaries.

The Gifts of Gold throughout the forty-seven years were reported as $734,719.30, beginning with the first year's total of $516.14.

Besides the address of Dr. Fitch and a thrilling picture of Persia of the present day by Mrs. S. G. Wilson, we were privileged to listen to Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, on "The Woman and the Task," Dr. William Palmer Lucas, son of the missionary Lucas family of India, who with his wife did such effective work under the Red Cross for the children of France, and Rev. Dr. Ernest F. Hall who gave the closing address.

Among the four surviving members of the California Branch of 1873 present at this forty-seventh annual meeting, Mrs. E. V. Robbins, ninety-two years *young,* stands out as a tower of strength through the years, undaunted by actual persecution in the days of the establishment of the Home, devoted to Board enterprise in all branches. At the ceremony of the Presentation of the Four Gifts, Mrs. Robbins held the candle from which the small tapers of faith were lit by representatives of the olden days and the days to come. She was also presented with an honorary life-membership in the Board, and her many activities were represented in the dramatic sketch of the First Annual Meeting.

As Occidental Board retires in favor of the new order, it can but echo the sentiment expressed in the first Annual Report:

"Looking back upon the way God has led us we do not feel discouraged. We feel sure our labors have been blessed by the Holy Spirit in the formation of higher principles of duty, and an increased personal consecration."

CHANGES IN THE MISSIONARY FORCE

ARRIVALS:

At San Francisco, about Jan. 1—Mrs. D. A. Murray from Japan.

At Vancouver, Apr. 26—Miss Margaret Best from Chosen. Address, Canton, N. Y.; Rev. and Mrs. Chas. A. Clark from Chosen; Mrs. S. A. Moffett and two sons from Chosen.

At Portland, Oregon, May 6—Rev. and Mrs. Paul Doltz from the Philippine Islands. Address, 222 E. 77th St., N., Portland, Ore.

———, May 14—Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Bickerstaph from S. Brazil. Address, Maybrook, N. Y.; Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Landes from S. Brazil. Address, Talcott Hall, Oberlin, O.

DEPARTURES:

From New York, May 15—Rev .and Mrs. Wm. N. Wysham to join the East Persia Mission; Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Lamme, Miss Georgia L. McKinney, returning to, Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Neely to join the W. Persia Mission.

From San Francisco, May 29—Mrs. A. T. Mills returning to Shantung.

From Vancouver, June 3—Miss L. A. Wells returning to Japan, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Beach returning to Siam.

DEATHS:

At Chieng Mai, Feb. 25—Mrs. Howard Campbell of the Siam Mission. Appointed 1894.

At Kribi, May 8—Rev. L. D. Heminger of the W. Africa Mission. Appointed 1903.

North Pacific Biennial Assembly

MRS. J. S. BRADLEY

IT BECOMES OUR PLEASANT DUTY to pass on an account of our Biennial Assembly held in the First Church of Seattle on April 28-29 on the thirty-second anniversary of our North Pacific Board. We cannot find words to express our appreciation of the splendid manner in which the women of this great church greeted and entertained the women who went up to this last assembly as representative of our separate Board. Every committee and individual not only left nothing to be desired, but attended to our working plans, comfort and pleasure in many surprising ways and we wish to mention the kindly courtesies of the sexton, Mr. George M. Martin.

Our President, Mrs. J. W. Goss, announced for our opening hymn "Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning!"

This was followed by a devotional service led by Miss Southmayed, secretary of Seattle Y. W., after which Mrs. Mark A. Matthews welcomed us to their utmost hospitality. Mrs. Goss expressed our thanks and continued with a brief address speaking of the advance steps to be taken by the union of our six boards about to be accomplished. The reports of officers were distributed through the different sessions and will be found in the printed annual report which will be sent to every society. We never had more joyful reports—gain everywhere. The total receipts of the treasury, thermometer of the work, were $28,468 and even deducting this year's Jubilee fund the gain is larger than any previous year; seventy-five Jubilee Life Members were reported; a good increase in the number of societies, and the largest increase in numbers, 710, ever reported; wonderful gains in C. E. and Westminster Guild work in numbers and gifts, and in the children's department; the report of our student work showed open doors for this important branch, and the fact that results have already been attained was reflected in the report of our candidate secretary upon the gift of life. She announced that our jubilee missionaries number sixteen. At the present time on her list for correspondence she reports ninety-one who are inquiring about the work and expressing a desire to become foreign missionaries. This is far beyond the number of any other time.

When our Board was organized we began with two missionaries—Rev. and Mrs. Herbert M. Andrews; number of our missionaries at the close of this year is twenty-eight. Much to our joy, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews were present at all our sessions. After forty years gift of life in India they were obliged to resign because of a stroke of paralysis which Mr. Andrews suffered following a famine siege when he stood daily for six months handing out bread to the starving. Mrs. Andrews, herself a gifted speaker, gave a brief message, then made way for her husband.

Into the midst of our Jubilee celebration Thursday afternoon came Rev. S. A. Moffet, D.D., Pyengyang, right from the steamer *Empress of Asia*, just landed. Mrs. Allen's address on "What We Can Do for Persia" showed that we still *must* pray, and give money and our sons and daughters. Mr. Soltau told us of "Korea's Need." He began by saying that all we had read, and much more, about the cruelties inflicted upon the Koreans was true, that this is a great testing time of the faith and steadfastness of Christians there, and that they need more than ever our *prayers, money* and *missionaries*.

Rev. E. T. Allen said in his address, "The Rehabilitation of Persia," that he was often asked *"Are you going back?"* "Yes," he said, "we are going back. We love Persia!" and added: "In the eighty years since the work began there $2,000,000 have been spent, and many lives, and now on our return to Urumia we shall find the mission compound in ashes—not a vestige of anything left, and the remnant of our people scattered to the far corners of the regions round about, and we are asking you for $1,000,000 as our immediate need to rebuild and begin anew the work in Persia, for the doors there were never so open to receive the gospel."

Mrs. Thaxter who has been the Jubilee "key woman" for our Board presided over the last afternoon which was devoted to the Jubilee Celebration.

1. Our Gifts: Our treasurer, Mrs. C. M. Barbee, said: "We were asked for $11,000 as our *gift of gold*—we have given $12,672 as our Jubilee offering."

Mrs. Thaxter said we knew of many, many prayer groups, circles and multitudes of individuals who had been making constant intercession during this period of special gifts of prayer; then our membership campaign has resulted in many adding their gifts of service to our societies in every department.

2. Fifty Years of Willing Service: First Decade—1870-1880. Miss Mazie Crawford, Lapwai, told of the work of her aunts, Misses Sue and Kate McBeth, among the Nez Perces. Second Decade—1880-1890, "In Alaska," by Miss Helen

Clark, of Neah Bay, who has been called the Mary Slessor of the Indians. Third Decade—1890-1900, "The Beginnings of our North Pacific Board," by Mrs. Robert Campbell of Seattle, who mentioned some of the workers, of whom she herself was one. Fourth Decade—1900-1910, under the title "Carrying On" was taken up by Mrs. E. P. Mossman of La Grande, who was our Treasurer through most of that time, and our President following Mrs. W. S. Ladd, who had been President over twenty-three years when God took her.

Fifth Decade—1910-1920, "Branching Out," Mrs. Goss took for her title, as she spoke of events of this last decade, and briefly Mrs. F. I. Fuller, candidate secretary, told how the "Hope of the Future" was in life recruits.

A closing devotional service led by Mrs. H. U. Boggs, Seattle, and prayer by Mrs. J. S. Bradley, of Portland, brought this last assembly of the North Pacific Board to a close.

RECEIPTS TO MAY 15, 1920

By Totals From Presbyterial Societies

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church

CARLISLE,	$1,000.00	MARION,	$5.00	For Regular Work,	$1,004.59
CHILLICOTHE,	10.00	PITTSBURGH,	100.00	From Legacies,	244.38
COLUMBUS,	20.00	ROGERSVILLE,	1.00	For Jubilee,	1,049.00
DUCK RIVER,	10.00	TOLEDO,	10.00		$2,297.97
FRENCH BROAD,	10.00	UNION,	10.00	Totals Since March 15, 1920:	
KNOX,	7.50	WESTMINSTER,	10.00	For Regular Work,	$4,036.26
LEVERE,	2.00	Miscellaneous,	97.63	From Legacies,	1,784.60
LIMA,	21.50	Legacies, Interest		For Special Funds,	91.30
MAHONING,	100.00	on Investments,	883.34	For Jubilee Fund,	1,093.25
					$7,005.41

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The Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest April 16 to May 15

Colorado		IOWA CITY,	$39.00	*Nebraska*		*South Dakota*	
DENVER P. S.,	$1.30	WATERLOO,	21.07	NEBRASKA CITY		CENTRAL DAKOTA	
Illinois		*Michigan*		P. S.,	$79.00	P. S.,	$10.00
BLOOMINGTON		DETROIT		*North Dakota*		SIOUX FALLS,	6.60
P. S.,	138.95	P. S.,	1,200.75	FARGO P. S.,	40.83	*Wisconsin*	
CAIRO,	15.00	FLINT,	116.00	OAKES,	10.00	CHIPPEWA	
CHICAGO,	7,618.55	GRAND RAPIDS,	148.44	PEMBINA,	198.54	P. S.,	5,937.47
EWING,	10.00	KALAMAZOO,	39.00			LA CROSSE	31.00
FREEPORT,	195.55	LAKE				Miscellaneous,	1,007.02
MATTOON,	5.00	SUPERIOR,	99.00				
PEORIA,	88.95	LANSING,	129.25	Designated Receipts for Month:			
ROCK RIVER,	15.00	PETOSKEY,	115.00	Regular Work,	$16,588.20		
RUSHVILLE,	10.00	SAGINAW,	125.00	Jubilee Fund,	1,333.15		
SPRINGFIELD,	10.00	*Minnesota*			$17,921.35		
Indiana		MANKATO P. S.,	134.83	Total Designated Receipts, March 25, to May 15, 1920:			
FT. WAYNE		ST. PAUL,	10.00	Regular Work,	$18,530.07		
P. S.,	10.00	*Montana*		Jubilee Fund,	2,155.78		
INDIANAPOLIS,	25.00	LEWISTON			$20.685.85		
LOGANSPORT,	100.00	P. S.,	31.25				
Iowa		YELLOWSTONE,	33.00				
IOWA P. S.,	116.00						

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Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church

BINGHAMTON,	$48.00	NEW YORK,	$10,608.00	Receipts from April 16th to May 15th:	
BROOKLYN-NASSAU,	500.50	NEWARK,	155.00	Regular Work,	$4,147.70
BUFFALO,	275.38	NORTH RIVER,	61.00	Buildings,	10,255.00
GENEVA,	99.00	SYRACUSE,	182.00		$14,402.70
HUDSON,	200.00	ST. LAWRENCE,	110.54	Receipts Since March 16, 1920:	
JERSEY CITY,	7.50	UTICA,	565.66	Regular Work,	$8,332.40
MORRIS & ORANGE,	1,069.50	WESTCHESTER,	20.00	Buildings,	10,330.00
MADISON,	8.00	Miscellaneous,	158.22		$18,662.40
		Interest,	334.40		

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The Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest

ARDMORE,	$10.00	NEOSHO,	$10.00	Total for the month,	$546.17
CIMARRON,	114.00	OKLAHOMA,	60.00	Total for year to date,	1,249.56
EL RENO,	33.85	SALT RIVER,	164.00	New Era Fund for month,	83.00
KANSAS CITY,	25.00	ST. JOSEPH,	25.00	New Era Fund for year,	224.44
MCALESTER,	10.00	WICHITA,	35.00	Relief Fund for month,	8.00
MCGEE,	10.00	Miscellaneous,	39.32		
MUSKOGEE,	10.00				

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